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INFERIOR EXTENSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The captioned application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of U.S. Serial No. 09/365,638, filed August 3, 1999. Before action, please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please delete "MODULAR BIFURCATED INTRALUMINAL GRAFTS AND METHODS FOR DELIVERING AND ASSEMBLING SAME" and replace with --BIFURCATED GRAFT WITH AN INFERIOR EXTENSION--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 34, delete "bore" and insert therefor --passageway--; and

Page 5, line 37, delete "first bore" and insert therefor --passageway--.

Page 6, line 1, delete "bore" and insert therefor --passageway--;

Page 6, line 3, delete "second bore" and insert therefor --passageway--; and

Page 6, line 5, delete "bore" and insert therefor --passageway--.

Page 21, line 37, delete "stent 254" and insert therefor --stent 154--.

Page 26, line 36, delete "teflon" and insert therefor --TEFLON polytetrafluoroethylene--.

Page 27, line 31, delete "teflon" and insert therefor --TEFLON polytetrafluoroethylene--;

Page 28, line 16, delete "teflon" and insert therefor --TEFLON polytetrafluoroethylene--;

Page 28, line 25, delete "spacer 330" and insert therefor --spacer 331--;

Page 28, line 27, delete "cavity 332" and insert therefor --cavity 333--;

Page 28, line 31, delete "Spacer 330" and insert therefor --Spacer 331--;

Page 28, line 32, delete "teflon" and insert therefor --TEFLON polytetrafluoroethylene--;

Page 28, line 36, delete "cavity 332" and insert therefor --cavity 333--; and

Page 28, line 38, delete "cavity 332" and insert therefor --cavity 333--.

Page 29, line 4, delete "spacer 330" and insert therefor --spacer 331--;

Page 29, line 7, delete "spacer 334" and insert therefor --spacer 335--;

Page 29, line 8, delete "spacer 330" and insert therefor --spacer 331--;

Page 29, line 9, delete "spacer 330" and insert therefor --spacer 331--;

Page 29, line 10, delete "cavity 336" and insert therefor "cavity 337--;

Page 29, line 14, delete "cavity 336" and insert therefor --cavity 337--;

Page 29, line 17, delete "spacer 330 or spacer 334" and insert therefor --spacer 331 or spacer 335--;

Page 29, line 20, delete "spacer 334" and insert therefor --spacer 335--; and

Page 29, line 24, delete "spacers 334 and 330" and insert therefor --spacers 335 and 331--.

Page 30, line 25, delete "spacer 330" and insert therefor --spacer 331--; and

Page 30, line 26, delete "cavity 332" and insert therefor --cavity 333--.

Page 31, line 21, delete "spacer 334" and insert therefor --spacer 335--; and

Page 31, line 22, delete "cavity 336" and insert therefor --cavity 337--.

Page 36, line 25, delete "radiomarkers 618" and insert therefor --radiomarkers 619--; and

Page 36, line 27, delete "radiomarkers 620" and insert therefor --radiomarkers 621--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-66, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 67-81:

--67. A device for repairing a patient's vasculature including a first section and second and third sections bifurcating therefrom, comprising:

a body, the body having a superior end portion and a bifurcated inferior end portion defining a first leg and a second leg, wherein the body is configured so that at least the

5 first leg extends into one of the second and third sections of vasculature; and

an extender, the extender configured to mate with the first leg--.

--68. The device of claim 67, wherein the body is a tubular graft--.

--69. The device of claim 67, wherein the extender is tubular--.

--70. The device of claim 67, wherein the superior end of the device is configured to be placed within an aorta and the first leg is configured to be placed within an iliac artery--.

--71. The device of claim 67, wherein the first leg is configured to be received within the extender--.

--72. The device of claim 67, wherein the extender is configured to be received within the first leg--.

--73. The device of claim 67, wherein the first leg is longer than the second leg--.

--74. The device of claim 67, wherein the first leg terminates in the first section of the patient's vasculature--.

--75. The device of claim 67, further comprising a support device placed within the body--.

--76. The device of claim 75, wherein the support device is self-expanding--.

--77. The device of claim 67, further comprising a support device placed within the extender--.

--78. The device of claim 77, wherein the support device is self-expanding--.

--79. The device of claim 67, further comprising radiopaque markers attached to the body--.

--80. The device of claim 67, further comprising radiopaque markers attached to the extender--.

--81. The device of claim 67, wherein at least one of the first and second legs has an increasing diameter--.

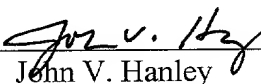
REMARKS

In this paper, original claims 1-66 have been canceled and new claims 67-81 have been added to the present application. Accordingly, newly added claims 67-81 are presented for examination.

Additionally, certain amendments have been made to the specification for clarification or to correct errors. It is believed that no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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